RESOURCES VS THE REEF

Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
43rd National Conference
September 28 – 30th, 2016
Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas
Welcome from Conference Committee

On behalf of the Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand, I am delighted to invite you to the 43rd National Conference.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Resources vs the Reef” and it seems fitting that the conference is to be held in iconic Noosa, Queensland, in close proximity not only to some of Australia’s most pristine marine areas but also to some of the country’s busiest shipping lanes and cargo terminals.

This conference seeks to draw out some of the current issues and controversies associated with shipping in the Great Barrier Reef. The opening session will discuss the current state of the Reef and how to mitigate the risks associated with shipping in the Reef. The first session on day two promises to be a very interesting discussion on major casualties, with presentations on the technical aspects of a casualty, the role and perspective of P&I Clubs, and the prosecution of seafarers. Other sessions at the conference include updates about the Athens Convention and the cruise ship industry, industrial relations, marine insurance, and the nature and admissibility of ship simulator evidence.

In preparing the conference program, we have also endeavoured to ensure attendees have time to savour the Noosa surrounds and to mingle with their fellow maritime colleagues. I am sure you will enjoy the social activities we have planned, including a gala dinner and cruise, and a tour of the Noosa National Park.

I hope you can join us for what promises to be an excellent conference.

Michael Fisher, Chair of Queensland branch of MLAANZ

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Conference Secretariat

Mecca Concepts Pty Ltd, Melbourne
Day 1
Wednesday, 28 September
6:00pm - 8:00pm Welcome Reception Terrace
- Peppers Noosa Resort
Sponsored by HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

Day 2
Thursday, 29 September
9:00am Conference Welcome & Opening Address
Neil Beadle, DLA Piper
New Zealand, President MLAANZ

9:15am Introduction of Dethridge Memorial Address
Pat Saraceni, Clifford Chance,
Vice President, MLAANZ
Dethridge Memorial Address
Professor Sarah Derrington

Session 1
Current state of the Reef
Session Chair, Maurice Thompson, Partner, Clyde & Co Australia

10:00am Simon Banks, General Manager, Great Barrier Reef Operations, GBRMPA

10:25am Toby Stone, General Manager, Maritime Emergency Response Commander, Marine Environment Division, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

10:50am Questions

11:00 - 11:30am Morning Tea

Session 2
Cruise Ship Industry - the Athens Convention
Session Chair
Simon Liddy, Partner, HWL Ebsworth Lawyers

11:30am Kate Lewins, Associate Professor, Murdoch University

12:00pm Nick Gaskell, Professor, University of Queensland

12:30pm Dimity McCredie, General Counsel, Carnival Australia

12:55pm Questions

1:00 - 2:00am Lunch

Session 3
Industrial relations update
Session Sponsor - DLA Piper
Session Chair
Richard Edwards, Partner, DLA Piper

2:00pm Teresa Lloyd, CEO, Maritime Industry Australia Ltd.

2:25pm Adrian Duffy QC, Jeddart Chambers, Brisbane

2:50pm Questions

3:00 - 3:30pm Afternoon Tea

Session 4
A Short Voyage in Contract Law

3:30pm Paul David QC, New Zealand

4:00pm Questions

4:10pm Close of day one

Thursday evening
Conference Gala Dinner – The Noosa Boathouse
Sponsored by Clyde & Co Australia
Noosa Ferry departs from Sheraton Hotel Jetty at 6.00pm SHARP
Day 3  
Friday, 30 September

**Session 5**  
Major Casualties - perspectives and responses  
*Session Chair*  
Dr Pat Saraceni, Director, Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Clifford Chance

- 9:00am  
  **Patrick Bond**, Director, Thomas Miller Law & Thomas Miller Claims Management

- 9:25am  
  **Captain Jim Cochrane**, Marine Surveyor

- 9:50am  
  **Matthew Hockaday**, Partner, Thynne & Macartney

- 10:15am  
  Questions

**Session 6**  
Ship simulators and admissibility of evidence  
*Session Sponsor* - Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)  
*Session Chair*  
Clint McKenzie, General Counsel, Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

- 11:00am  
  **Peter Listrup**, Director & Principal Instructor, Queensland Government’s Smartship navigational facility operated by Transport and Main Roads

- 11:25am  
  **Maurice Thompson**, Partner, Clyde & Co Australia

- 11:50am  
  Questions

12:00 - 1:00pm  
**Lunch**  
*Sponsored by Clifford Chance*

**Session 7**  
Marine Insurance  
*Session Sponsor* - Thynne & Macartney

- 1:00pm  
  **Derek Luxford**, Partner, Hicksons
  Changes to MIA

- 1:20pm  
  **Neil Hiller**, Managing Director, Austbrokers Hiller Marine Pty Ltd

- 1:45pm  
  Questions

**Session 8**  
Hot topics/international updates  
*Session Sponsor* - Norton White

- 1:55pm  
  **Rosemary Gibson**, Associate, Thynne & Macartney
  Update from Australia

- 2:15pm  
  **Stacey Fraser**, Senior solicitor, Maritime New Zealand (MNZ)

- 2:35pm  
  **Patrick Bond**, Director, Thomas Miller Law & Thomas Miller Claims Management
  Update from UK

- 2.55pm  
  **Matthew Harvey**, Barrister, Victorian Bar
  CMI Update

3:15 - 3:40pm  
**Afternoon Tea**

**CLOSING SESSIONS**  
1:40pm  
Closing address - **Neil Beadle**, President of MLAANZ
2:50 - 4:20pm  
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4:30pm  
**Friday Optional Activity**  
Walk in Noosa National Park followed by a casual poolside BBQ dinner at Peppers Noosa Resort
Conference Venue
Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas is nestled in the serenity of Noosa National Park. Spend your days lazing in the inviting free-form swimming pool, pamper yourself in Stephanie’s Ocean Spa, or just take it easy. World class shopping and restaurants are a short 500 metre stroll away in bustling hub of Hastings Street and Laguna Beach. At this premium Noosa accommodation you’ll find the ultimate in eco-conscious sustainability with solar energy and rainwater irrigation.

Designed with two unique and beautiful accommodation concepts, there is the resort, where you’re located right in the heart of it all. In a beautiful, airy penthouse or apartment you will be accommodated in style. Featuring fully-equipped kitchens, a laundry room, and dining areas, you are spoiled with all the conveniences you could desire.

Or discover your home away from home in a beautiful Noosa Villa. Spread out over two or three spacious levels, the Villas are truly unique. You’ll be treated to luxe inclusions like freshly baked bread, your personal concierge, a hamper of delectable local produce and complimentary transfers into town. For a truly indulgent Noosa experience, you can’t go past a Villa.

Aside from spacious and stylish accommodation, Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas offers WiFi access, a gymnasium and steam room, complimentary car parking and 24 hour reception. For onsite dining, View Restaurant provides a relaxing and welcoming environment.

Here, in Queensland’s most stylish holiday destination, you can stroll down to Hastings Street where Noosa’s main designer fashion boutiques and street side alfresco restaurants abound. Walk to the popular Noosa Main beach and enjoy the rolling surf while you soak up Queensland’s welcoming sunshine.

Peppers Noosa Resort & Villas is home to one of the region’s largest conference and event venues. Featuring a private boardroom an expansive pre-function terrace and a unique 89-seat theatrette. Give your corporate function the attention it deserves, whether you’re planning a one-on-one business meeting, board meeting or a spectacularly staged event of up to 600 guests - our professional and creative conference and event planners will take care of everything.

Conference Registration
Conference Registration and payment can be done either online at www.mlaanz.org or by completing the registration forms at the back of this brochure and returning it to the Conference Secretariat via email to: rachel@meccaconcepts.com.au, via post to MLAANZ Conference, c/- MECCA Concepts Pty Ltd, PO BOX 2646 Mount Waverley VIC 3149, or via fax to +61 3 9530 4286.

Offline Method of Payment
If you are not registering online, registration fees may be paid by Cheque, Direct Deposit into the MLAANZ Conference Account, or credit card – American Express, MasterCard or Visa. Cheques should be made payable to MECCA Concepts – MLAANZ Conference Account and sent to the Conference Secretariat.

Registration Cancellation
All cancellations must be notified in writing to the Conference Secretariat – MECCA Concepts. A refund of the registration fee less a cancellation fee of $100 will apply to cancellation received on or before Friday 26th August 2016. After this date, no refund or cancellation will be possible, although substitute delegates are welcome. All refunds will be processed after the Conference.

Accommodation Cancellation
Cancellation of accommodation rooms less than 30 days before event may incur full accommodation charges for all nights booked.

Dress Code
Dress code for the Conference is smart casual. Business attire for the Dethridge Address and Conference Dinner.

General Registration Information
Every care has been taken to ensure this program is correct at the time of printing, however the Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to alter the program.

Included in Registration fees:

**Full Delegates**
- All Conference Sessions
- Welcome Cocktail Function – Wednesday night
- Morning and afternoon teas during conference
- Lunch – Thursday and Friday
- Conference Dinner and transport – Thursday night
- Name Badge
- Conference Program and Sponsor Guide

**Day Delegate**
- Conference Sessions on the day
- Morning and afternoon Tea
- Name Badge
- Conference Program and Sponsor Guide
- Does not include Social functions

Register Online for MLAANZ 2016 Conference
www.etouches.com/mlaanz2016
Conference Dinner and Optional Activity

Thursday September 29th 2016 – Conference Dinner

This year MLAANZ delegates and guests will enjoy a relaxing ferry cruise along the Noosa River and canal taking in the picturesque sights Noosa and its environs have to offer. Whilst onboard the cruise to the dinner destination, enjoy some drinks and canapés amongst friends and colleagues, soaking in the sunset over Noosa.

Delegates to make their way on foot to the Sheraton Hotel Jetty where the Noosa Ferry will pick you up at 6:00pm SHARP for the cruise along the canal to the dinner destination.

Noosa Boathouse will be the host for the MLAANZ 2016 Conference Dinner.

Noosa Boathouse is a Hall of Fame Qld Tourism award winning venue located right on the Noosa River. Boasting spectacular 180 degree views, of Noosa, Noosaville and the waterway that surround it.

At the end of the evening delegates and guests will be taken back to Noosa Resort via coaches.

Day delegates who wish to attend the dinner or delegate guests can attend for $165 per head.

Please complete the appropriate section of the registration process.

Friday September 30th – Optional Afternoon and Evening Activity

Noosa National Park walk followed by Poolside BBQ at Peppers Noosa Resort

For delegates interested in continuing the Noosa experience after the MLAANZ Conference, please come along for a leisurely walk in Noosa National Park, taking in the views of the forest and coastline that Noosa has to offer.

Buses will take you to the entrance of Noosa National Park to begin your walk at 4:45pm. Buses will depart from the entrance of Noosa National Park at 6:00pm to return to Peppers. For the more adventurous, continue your walk through the national park to make you way back to Pepper Resort in time for a BBQ Dinner by the pool. This dinner is a casual affair, no conference attire necessary, just shorts and shirts and thongs!

This BBQ will offer a relaxing way to wind down from the conference.

Cost - $80 per person, includes bus, walk and BBQ Dinner.

Please complete the appropriate section of the registration process.
**MARITIME LAW ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND LTD.**  
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ABN 97 054 763 923

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
This becomes a Tax Invoice on payment.  
Please register me for the 43rd Annual Conference (one form submitted per delegate, please photocopy as required).  
Please clearly PRINT all details. All registration fees are in Australian Dollars and include 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST). Please complete registration below or book online via [www.etouches.com/mlaanz2016](http://www.etouches.com/mlaanz2016) and follow the conference links.

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**Special Dietary Requirements**  
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**Registration Requirements**

**Special Early Bird Registration**  
(if paid before August 13th 2016)

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**Conference Dinner Additional Guest**  
$165

**Optional Activity**  
$80

**Welcome Function - Additional Guest**  
$85

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**Accommodation Requirements**  
A deposit equivalent to one night’s accommodation is required to confirm your booking. Accommodation is limited - book early to avoid disappointment. I request the following accommodation:

- **One Bedroom Apartment Noosa Villa (B&B)**  
  $309 AUD

**Date of Arrival**  
**Date of Departure**

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**Registration/Accommodation Method of Payment**  
A crossed cheque made payable to: MECCA Concepts - MLAANZ Conference or by credit card

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